

**UNITED STATES
SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS
2002**



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Each congressional office uses a selection process for academy nominations designed to meet its own needs and standards. The different procedures are often confusing to applicants who apply to more than one source.

Misunderstandings can be avoided by carefully studying and following the instructions of each office.

PLEASE NOTE: By signing the application you will have indicated an understanding and acceptance of nomination requirements as set forth by the office of Senator Bob Graham.

Because of the extreme competition for nominations, you are urged to apply to every nominating authority available to you (both U.S. Senators, your local Congressman, and the Vice President.) Should your eligibility allow, you may also apply to the President. A list of the Florida Congressional Delegation is included for your information. Ideally, students seeking a nomination should begin the congressional and academy process in April of their junior year in high school.

For classes entering in the summer of 2003, Senator Graham will have one vacancy each at the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Included is an informational fact sheet outlining the requirements of Senator Bob Graham's Review Boards for each academy.

Due to the large number of applicants, you will be interviewed for **only** one academy. Therefore, careful consideration should be given to your choice of an academy. Academy designation may be changed any time prior to October 12, 2002. **Exception:** Naval Academy candidates may also be interviewed for the Merchant Marine Academy.

Contact with the admissions office of the academy of your preference is imperative. The academy will establish a file and forward general information and detailed admissions requirements including a Prospective Candidate Questionnaire.

Regional nominating boards have been appointed by Senator Graham. The boards will convene for **one day only (November 18, 2002).** Interviews are held in 4 cities around the state. If you have a preference as to where you would like to attend an interview, please note your choices under **Interview** on the following page. The Review Board will conduct a personal interview with each applicant meeting all requirements. Selections are made competitively on the basis of academic performance, leadership potential, extra-curricular activities, physical fitness, personal interviews, and letters of recommendation. Ten names for each vacancy will be recommended by the boards to Senator Graham for nomination. The final ranking and subsequent appointments will be at the discretion of the academies. Ten alternates for each vacancy will also be recommended to the Senator. Should any nominations become available through cancellation, medical disqualification, or any other reason, alternates will be reconsidered.

As outlined on page two, certain information **must be provided** for you to be considered an applicant.

It is YOUR responsibility to submit the required information. The postmark deadline for file completion is October 12, 2002 .

In order that more Florida applicants have an opportunity to be reviewed by the academies, please let us know immediately if you are nominated by another authority. Additionally, should you change your career goals, please notify us. This will offer the opportunity to another student.

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REQUIREMENTS

Residency: Applicant must be a legal resident of Florida.

Application Form: The enclosed application should be completed and returned **promptly** along with a photograph. It is **preferred** that you send your information as you complete it. Please **do not wait** to send all required information at one time. This will allow us to help you obtain any missing information prior to the postmark deadline.

Academic Recommendation Form: Ask your high school counselor or principal to complete the Academic Recommendation Form RF-1. Please ask that the completed form be returned to you in a sealed envelope. It is your responsibility to ensure that all information is provided. Please feel free to call our office at any time to check on the status of your file.

Two Letters of Recommendation: Choose a math or science teacher, coach, employer, etc. to write a recommendation letter for you. Person completing RF-1 is an ineligible source. Have the person sign their name across the seal of the envelope. **Only two** recommendation letters will be presented to the review boards. Please do not submit additional letters. If the person writing your letter insists on mailing it to our office, please call to verify that it has been received. **It is your responsibility to confirm that the materials needed to complete your file have been received by this office.**

Transcript: Ask your counselor or principal for an official transcript that includes your course listing and grades, current G.P.A., class rank, and SAT/ACT test scores. Your final junior grades must be listed on the official transcript (report card copy is an ineligible substitute). The transcript should be returned to you in a sealed envelope. (Please do not request your transcript before the completion of your junior year).

Numerical Class Rank/Size: Numerical class rank and the approximate size of class is required. This information must be included on the recommendation form completed by your guidance counselor or principal. A few schools have advised they do not rank students. In order to complete all requirements, an accurate estimate of your class standing will have to be made by your guidance counselor or principal.

Standardized Test Results: To have scores forwarded to our office directly from the testing center, please use the following codes: S.A.T. - **5287**, A.C.T. - **7117**. You **MUST** have scores that meet the minimum levels as indicated on the fact sheet in this packet by the postmark deadline. The last S.A.T. test that will be considered for eligibility is June 1, 2002 and the last A.C.T. is offered on September 1, 2002. If you **have not taken** the tests before the post mark deadline, you will **NOT** be eligible for nomination during this cycle. If scores are reflected on your high school transcript, no other dissemination will be necessary. If you have any questions regarding your scores, please feel free to call Jeannie Thead in the Tallahassee office at 850/907-1100.

Essay: Briefly state why you want to attend the academy of your choice. Please confine your essay to 1 page.

Deadline: Send the above information to the Tallahassee office: 2252 Killearn Center Boulevard, Suite 300, Tallahassee, FL 32309. All information must be postmarked by **October 12, 2002**.

Interviews: **Interviews Will Be Scheduled for Monday, November 18, 2002 for all eligible applicants.** A personal interview is required. Senator Graham's service academy nominating boards will convene only on November 18, 2002. Every effort has been made to avoid conflicts with district and state sports activities. The personal interview is a **non-waiverable** element of the application process. Interviews will be held in the following cities: Tallahassee; Tampa; Ft. Lauderdale; and Orlando. Please note your choice on the Personal Information form. Special arrangements can be made with dependents of active duty military personnel who are located outside the State. You **MUST** call our office to discuss these arrangements no later than 3 weeks prior to the postmark deadline. If you are unable to attend an interview, you should consider seeking nomination from a source where an interview is waiverable. To the extent possible, special scheduling time requests for November 18 will be honored, if notice is received prior to October 12, 2002.

FACT SHEET

The academies provide guidelines for applicants who may be eligible to be considered for an appointment. A candidate must be an American citizen by the date of induction into an academy and of good moral character.

U.S. Air Force, Military and Naval Academies require you be at least 17, but not have passed your 23rd birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A candidate must be unmarried with no dependents.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy requires you be at least 17, but not have passed your 25th birthday by July 1 of the year of induction. A cadet may be married, but couples may not be domiciled either on or off campus.

The scores listed below are established by Senator Graham's office and do not necessarily reflect minimum standards of each academy. Minimum SAT or ACT scores must be met by the **postmark deadline** in order to be eligible for an interview with Senator Graham's nominating board. Should you have **any** questions regarding your scores, you must contact our office prior to the **postmark deadline**. It is suggested that you take your exams as early as possible. Some students find it necessary to take the exams more than once to achieve qualifying scores. If you have not taken your tests by the postmark deadline, you will **not** be eligible for nomination during this nomination cycle.

SAT ACT

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY Director of Admissions Colorado Springs, CO 80840 800/443-9266	580 Verbal 560 Math	24 English 25 Math
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY Director of Admissions West Point, New York 914/938-4041	560 Verbal 530 Math	24 English 23 Math
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY Director of Candidate Guidance Annapolis, Maryland 800/638-9156	580 Verbal 590 Math	24 English 26 Math
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY Admissions Office Kings Point, New York 11024 800-732-6267	550 Verbal 530 Math	23 English 23 Math
U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY No congressional nomination is required. Call 860/444-8444 or write New London, Connecticut 06320 to obtain information or application forms.		

All academies require you to pass a Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB). The academy to which you have applied will initiate the scheduling of an examination with the Department of Defense. Once taken, the examination may be used for all service academies and four-year ROTC scholarship programs.

NOTE: Graduation from a United States Service Academy obligates you to serve five years of Active Duty Service.



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PLEASE TYPE or PRINT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION ON BOTH SIDES

Choice of Academy (list only one):

PERSONAL DATA

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Full Legal Name:			SS#		
Mailing Address:		City:	State:	Zip Code	
Legal Address in FL (if different)		City:	State:	Zip Code	
()					
County:	Home Phone #:	Date of Birth:			
Y / N					
Place of Birth:	U.S. Citizen?	Height	Weight		
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Father's Name:		Daytime Phone #			
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Mother's Name:		Daytime Phone #			
Name of School:		Date of Graduation:			
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Counselor:		School Phone #:			

ACADEMIC DATA

SAT: V _____ M _____ ACT: E _____ M _____

Qualifying Scores Must be Met by Postmark Deadline

Please circle: Honors classes Y / N AP classes Y / N IB program Y / N

LEADERSHIP DATA

Please check all applicable			
	Boy's/Girl's State or Nation		Hours worked per week (after school)
	Eagle Scout		Hours worked per week (summer)
	Boy Scouts/Girl Scout		Church Membership
	Key/Interact Club		Football (# years)
	National Honor Society		Baseball/Softball (# years)
	President or Officer of Class/Student Council		Basketbal (# years)
	President or Officer of School Club		Swimming (# years)
	Academic Honors Club		Track/Cross Coun try (# years)
	School Band/Chorus		Volleyball (# years)
	Jr. ROTC / Officer		Other Sports (# years)
	Debate Club		Civil Air Patrol or Navy Sea Cadets

ATTACHMENTS: You MUST attach a brief essay stating why you want to attend the academy of your choice. You are encouraged to attach a resume or list of honors and awards, activities or any information you feel is pertinent to your application.

Please DO NOT attach additional letters of recommendation. Only the first two letters received will be reviewed by Senator Graham's Selection Board.

INTERVIEWS: Interviews are held in Tallahassee, Tampa, Orlando and Ft. Lauderdale. Interviews are mandatory and are non-waiverable for qualifying applicants. If you are a military family member living outside of the State of Florida, you must call to discuss your interview options.

Please list your choice for an interview location: _____. Every consideration will be given in scheduling you for this location.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

I have read the information sheet explaining Senator Graham's nominating procedures and I understand the Senator's requirements, including the requirement of a personal interview on November 18, 2002. I am also aware of the postmark deadline of October 12, 2002. I certify that I am a legal resident of the state of Florida and there is no known reason why I should not be medically qualified to receive an appointment to a service academy, if nominated.

Date:

Candidate's Signature:

In signing this form, you are stating that you understand the nomination requirements for the Office of Senator Bob Graham and that you will abide by these requirements.

Office of Senator Bob Graham
ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR 2002
UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS
(RF-1)

This form MUST be completed by a high school principal or guidance counselor. Please note that the completion of this form is a requirement. Please type or print and **return completed form to the candidate in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.**

Name of Applicant: _____

First	Middle	Last

Social Security # _____ - _____ **Applicant's Year In School:** _____

Name of High School: _____

Telephone Number of School: () -

Unweighted GPA:	Weighted GPA:
ACT Score: E M	Numerical Class Rank/Size * <u> </u> / <u> </u>
SAT Score: V M	*This is required information. If your school does not rank, please provide an approximate rank.

Leadership Characteristics: _____

Personality Traits: _____

Ability to Work Under Pressure: _____

Ability To Get Along With Others: _____

School Activities In Which Applicant Participates: _____

General Comments and/or Recommendations (Please complete this section. Your comments are most helpful):

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

2002 Schedule U.S. Senator Bob Graham United States Service Academy Nominations

April 1	Application process opens
October 12	Postmark deadline for file completion
October 31	Interview notices mailed
November 18	Personal interview
December 15	Nominee notification by mail begins.

CHECK LIST FOR CANDIDATES:

	Application form completed and mailed.
	Photograph attached to application form
	Essay returned
	Recommendation form (RF-1) completed by guidance counselor or principal and returned.
	Letters of recommendation (2)
	Official high school transcript, including final junior or senior year grades, (also, college transcript if applicable).
	Class rank and the approximate size of graduating class. NOTE: It is your responsibility to provide ALL required information. If obtaining this information is a problem, please call Jeannie Thead at 850/907-1100
	SAT/ACT scores that meet the minimum requirements. Scores reflected on high school transcript will be accepted in lieu of testing center documentation.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE SERVICE ACADEMIES SHOULD BE SENT TO:

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THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR FILE COMPLETION IS October 12, 2002

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